

## Ways You Can Enhance Habitat for Upland Game Birds



Shelterbelts are shrub plantings designed to provide winter cover for upland game birds. To be effective winter cover, food sources should be located adjacent to the shelterbelt.

Blocks of idle cover - including CRP - provide beneficial nesting and hiding cover for upland game birds.



Domestic grain plantings serve as a winter food source for pheasant and gray partridge but may also benefit sharp-tailed grouse.

Rest-rotation grazing systems provide undisturbed cover for birds while providing improved grazing for livestock.



The Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program can help you with your wildlife goals.

## Program Details

### PROJECTS

- Habitat projects can be as small as an acre or as large as multiple sections, depending on the type of project.
- Enrolled lands should comprise at least 100 contiguous acres.
- Up to 100% of the cost of materials is reimbursed when labor is provided for completing a project (details can vary by type of project).
- Program signs are used to identify projects.
- Project location is depicted on the FWP website and in the annual UGBEP Projects Access Guide.

### ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

- The Landowner and local biologist determine a reasonable level of free public upland game bird hunting to be allowed for the life of the contract.
- Landowners can require hunters to obtain permission prior to hunting.
- Landowners enrolled in FWP's Block Management program are eligible to apply.

## Where to Start?

Visit the UGBEP website to learn more about the program and to download an application form: [fwp.mt.gov/ugbep](http://fwp.mt.gov/ugbep).

Call your local FWP Regional office for more information.

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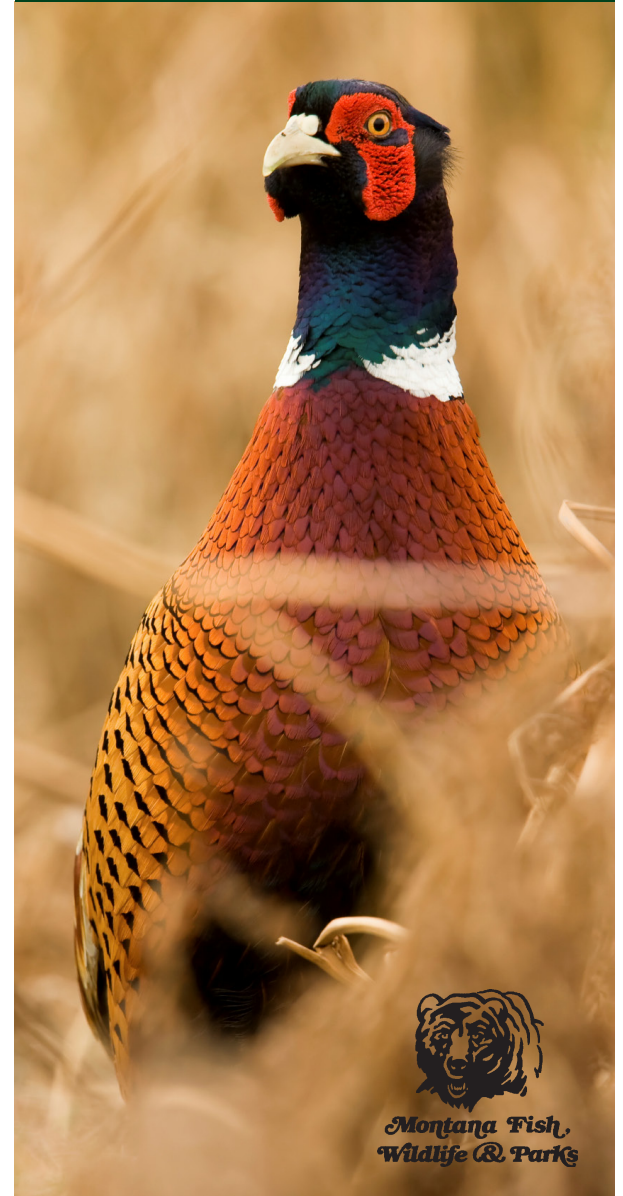
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# Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program



## Welcome to the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program!

Since 1987, resident and nonresident hunting license dollars provide funds for the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program (UGBEP) to preserve and enhance upland game bird populations in Montana.

This brochure provides you with information on how you can partner with FWP on habitat projects that benefit upland game birds.

### What does UGBEP mean for you?

FWP works with many private landowners and public land lessees to provide technical and financial assistance on projects that enhance upland game bird habitat such as:

- Winter cover
- Nesting cover
- Food resources

Private landowners enrolled in the UGBEP also provide public access to upland game bird hunters. Requests to hunt game birds on private lands always need some form of permission granted by the landowner.



*The goal of the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program is to efficiently and responsibly conserve and enhance upland game bird habitats and populations—providing quality public hunting opportunities for present and future generations.*

### Think Habitat!

Montana is home to 9 upland game bird species, and each species' habitat needs can vary by season and life stage.

Various habitat components—and management of those habitats—are key for upland game bird production and survival.



### Think UGBEP!

Landowners and public land lessees can reap the rewards of this cost-sharing program when they improve their land and make it more inviting for Montana's upland game birds.

Together, you and your FWP biologist can assess habitat needs and develop plans for improving upland game bird habitat. The UGBEP reimburses private landowners and state land lessees for up to 100% of the cost of materials for upland game bird habitat enhancements.

## Want More Birds?

Contact your FWP Biologist or  
FWP Headquarters at 406-444-2612

FWP provides technical and financial assistance for habitat projects that enhance or conserve upland game bird populations.

